# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**Tuesday, 22nd March 1955.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Funds for village panchayats.*

* 1499 *Q.*—

**SRI A. RATNAM :—Will the Hon. Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—**

(*a*) whether the Government have applied to the Union Government for more funds to meet the immediate needs of village panchayats ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have directed the Panchayats to spend any percentage of their revenue for the benefit of Harijans and their cheris?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No Sir."

* 1504 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" This will be taken up tomorrow."

*Disciplinary action against a Municipal School teacher.*

* 1645 *Q.*—

SRI K. P. RAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Commissioner, Erode, has taken action against Sri K. K. Nallathambi, Municipal School teacher, for having presented a memorandum before the Committee of Enquiry for Elementary Education on 7th January 1955 ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken against him?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Commissioner is being instructed to cancel the punishment imposed on the teacher."

*Yadhava Community and film called ' Thooku Thooki '.*

* 1646 *Q.*—

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the " Yadhava Community ' in Madurai district complaining of some songs and scenes in the film *Thooku Thooki*, as injuring the religious and communal susceptibilities of the ' Yadhava Community '?

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) whether the Film Censor Board has certified these 'objectionable songs and scenes'?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The representations have been forwarded to the Central Board of Film Censors for necessary action.

" (c) Only films certified by the Board of Film Censors are exhibited to the general public."

*Amendment of the Constitution.*

* 1525 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received a letter from the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup that he is not putting this question "

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Yes, Sir, I am not putting the question."

*Drinking water wells for villages.*

* 1526 Q.—SRI G. GOVINDAN (on behalf of Sri L. Anandan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that enormous delay is caused in getting necessary sanction from District Collectors for the construction of drinking water wells in villages; and

(b) why the Government have not authorised the Revenue Divisional Officers to take charge of these works, including the preparing and sanctioning of estimates for the construction of drinking water wells in villages?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The Revenue Divisional Officers are actually in complete charge of the works, but for the fact that administrative sanction of the Collectors has to be obtained for the estimates."

*Village industries in South Kanara.*

* 1527 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned for the development of village industries in South Kanara district for the year 1952–53;

(b) the amount actually spent during that year;

(c) the industries on which the amount was spent;

(d) whether any amount was allowed to lapse during that year; and if so, how much; and

(e) the names of members of the village industries committee in South Kanara district?